

Tartars Are Beaten, But Prove They're A Team

Rec. League Cagers Open Play Jan. 15

With eight weeks of practice and exhibition games under their belts, twelve teams await the referee's whistle which will open season play Jan. 15 in the Torrance Recreation Adult Basketball League.

Samohi Takes CIF Title With 34-6 Victory

Torrance High's Tartars didn't realize it when they lost, 35-7, to Santa Monica on Oct. 17, but they were drubbed by what turned up today as the new CIF sectional champ.

The Vikings walloped South Pasadena 34-6 Friday night to nail down its fourth CIF title with 10,398 fans at the Coliseum looking on.

Samohi took off from its own 44 after receiving the opening kickoff and rambled the distance in seven plays. Led by Ronnie Knox, who was supposed to be on the injured list, and Boyd Carter, whose elbow was so sore last week he was used as a decoy, the Vikings moved to the 32, white a pitchout from Knox to Douglas followed by a pass to Carter started the rout.

South Pasadena never recovered. They succumbed to another Samohi score when Knox, faced with a fourth and two on his own 28, called a completed pass to Carter for 12 yards—another first down and enough yardage for a second. Two plays later Douglas accepted a handout and rambled 32 yards into payoff territory.

CROWD CHEERS AS WOMAN GETS K.O.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. — Some 50 fans cheered as Mrs. R. E. Liat was knocked cold. But they were roaring approval as a 14-year-old boy lifted one out of the lot for a homer. Mrs. Liat was washing windows of her car at the time, across the street. The ball chose to nest in her upswEEP, and she went down for the count . . . but came up counting \$5000 . . . and her in court.

If there's a little slugger in your home, it might be suggested you play it safe with a personal liability accident policy written by W. E. Bowen, 1327 Post Avenue, Torrance 215.—(Adv.)

The dozen contestants have been split into "A" and "B" divisions, to alternate play Mondays and Wednesdays in the girls' and boys' gymnasiums at Torrance High School. The former is available on Mondays and the latter on Wednesdays.

A tentative schedule has been worked out whereby the "A" teams will play first round contests in the new gym and second-round tilts in the girls gym. The "B" league will use the girls' facility the first half and the boys' the second half of the season.

Elmer "Red" Moon, director of athletics and league organizer, is polling the managers to decide on a definite policy before schedules are drawn.

Teams in the "A" division include Banner Drugs, managed by Lee Solomon; Fenwick's Shoes, Bob Chambers; Hot 'N Tot Cafe, Tony Hecht; Eagles, Ed Coury; Manhattan Beach Recreation, Charles Ball, and National Supply, Chic Cicchini.

Lineup of the "B" division shows Allen's Burgers, Ralph George; Torrance Teachers, Pete Petrat; Treske's Men's Shop, Ron Huisenga; Harvey Machine, Chester Johnson, and Torrance National Bank, Ken Miller.

Last year's "B" league champs, coached by Joe Seting, are un-sponsored as yet.

Wednesday's practice game scores:

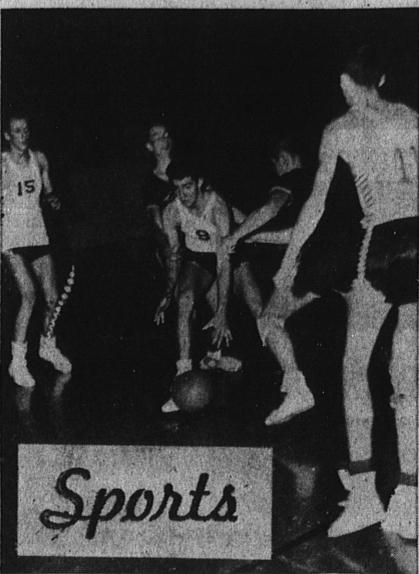
Allen Burgers, 58, Torrance Teachers 46.
Fenwick's 68, National Supply 54.
Eagles 26, Harvey Machine 24.

Torrance Touch Football Team Goes Today at 10

National Electric of Torrance will open play in the Harbor Major Touch Football League today at 10 a.m. against A. K. Wilson Co.

Play will open in the quest for the title now held by the YMCA Dolphins on Daniels Field, 12th and Cabrillo, San Pedro.

The Dolphins will open defense of their championship with a contest against Red and Blackey's at 11, following the Torrance game.



SCRAMBLE . . . Inglewood forward Gabe Arrillaga pursues the elusive casaba as Tartar forwards Jerry Farrar and Bill Sommers dive for the hide. About to enter the pursuit are Dick Buckalew and Norm Curry. The action took place Friday night at the Pacific Shores Tournament held at Redondo Beach. Torrance was a loser, 45-32.

Y Fun Club Signup Set Tomorrow

Christmas vacation will offer something special to boys 9 to 14 years as the Torrance YMCA invites them to sign up tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock for the holiday fun club.

Fellows interested are invited to drop by the "Y" and put their names on the list, or call Torrance 1563. For the five-day period from Dec. 15 through 19, the boys will take a trip in the morning, eat lunch, and then have a swim at San Pedro's "Y" in the afternoon. Return home will be made at about 3:30 p.m.

Each member will bring a sack lunch and towel, plus spending money for his transportation.

Stan Roberts, "Y" secretary, said at least 40 boys will be signed up. An interesting group of tours is on tap, he added.

Torrance Looks Good In Losing

By WIN BOWLES

It looked like a brand-new Torrance High School basketball team, and it was, even though they succumbed 45-32 to Inglewood at Redondo Beach Friday night in the semi-finals of the first annual Pacific Shores basketball tournament.

A slow break and a shifting zone defense took the place of the old racehorse break and man-to-man that saw the Tartars through but one win and six losses in practice play previously.

But the spark was there, that indefinable something that makes a team. No individual was outstanding, but the quiet played the game as if each man were the other's brother, bosom companion and best friend wrapped up into one.

To gain the semi-finals, the Tartars had walloped Hawthorne, 55-47, and conquered Mira Costa, 40-36. The latter team is 1951's Pioneer loop champion and has not lost a man from that aggregation.

Last night the Tartars bumped against Santa Monica for third place in the tournament, a game which was played too late to meet the Herald's deadline. Meanwhile, the team they lost to was running up against Redondo Beach for the crown.

Make no mistake about it, the Tartars lost to a darned fine team when the Sentinels out-dribbled them. In addition to height, the Sentinels possess class, especially in the form of Gabe Arrillaga and Gene Parker.

measurably was the ball control Torrance had for most of the game, and is likely to have in future contests. They were working to keep that casaba out of their hoop, and successful most of the time. They got the ball off their own backboard, and kept the Sentinels firing away from a long distance until the final minutes, when the cause was lost anyway.

They led after the first quarter, 14-9, and were behind by only one point, 22-ft. at half time. But the larceny of Arrillaga was the decisive factor in the second half, which found Inglewood breaking on top to garner a five-point margin at the end of period three, 33-28, and go into a perfectly executed stall with three minutes to play and a 10-point lead.

Coach Rex Welch's hoopmen have turned a leaf in the pages of Tartar basketball.

This is a team that will go far in South Bay loop efforts—a league that looks from here like it's very, very strong.

Gabe, a fugitive from the T. quarterback spot on the Inglewood football team, was a terror to the Tartars. Five times he stole the ball from Torrance's back court men, and maddly down the floor and dumped two points through the twine, to tally 10 of his 19 point total, making him high man for the evening.

There was no outstanding star for the Tartars, unless you can call the team a star, and in this instance I think you can. Nobody shot without a reason. They worked the ball in, mostly feeding Jerry Farrar, who was death on set shots from 15 to 20 feet away.

Bill Sommers, too, had his eye on the hoop, as he collected ten points, one less than Farrar. Bob Moon, Harold Holmes, Tom Wolford, Dave Ruffell, John Sousa, Lee Mortenson, all of them teammen, played very fine ball.

True, they made mistakes. But you can't expect a team to come up with a perfect game overnight after they have been making uncounted errors so far this season.

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